Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
REPORT 09-007
4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Committee Room 207
Hamilton Convention Centre
One Summers Lane

Present: T. Nolan (Chair)
P. Cameron, R. Cameron, F. Chesney, S. Derkach, B. Helwig, B. Lane, A. Mallett, T. Manzuk, K. Nolan, R. Semkow, M. Smithson

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Morelli
D. Burkett, T. Wallis

Also Present: E. Lee, Mayor’s Office
M. Meyer, City Clerk’s Office

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PRESENTS
REPORT 09-007 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Rent Supplement Program

That ACPD recommend to Council that the Rent Supplement Program currently being administered by CityHousing Hamilton include persons with disabilities in the program who may be living in or can access privately owned accessible housing while they wait for affordable or social housing to become available.

2. Accessible Social Housing

That ACPD recommend to Council that all newly built or retro-fit affordable and social housing have a minimum of 5% of the total number of units being built be fully accessible.
3. **Accessibility and Funding for Social Affordable Housing**

That ACPD recommend to Council that a letter be sent to the appropriate Provincial Ministry and Federal Department recommending that where any funding for social affordable housing is being transferred to Municipalities, a stipulation be included that 5% of any new or retrofit housing be fully accessible.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:**

Please see attached Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Nolan, Chair  
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities

Mary-Ann Meyer  
Legislative Assistant  
August 11, 2009
a) Recommendations/Reports for Approval

(i) That ACPD recommend to Council that the Rent Supplement Program currently being administered by CityHousing Hamilton include persons with disabilities in the program who may be living in or can access privately owned accessible housing until affordable or social housing becomes available.

(ii) That ACPD recommend to Council that all newly built or retro-fit affordable and social housing have a minimum of 5% of the total number of units being built be fully accessible.

(iii) That ACPD recommend to Council that a letter be sent to the appropriate Provincial Ministry and Federal Department recommending that where any funding for social affordable housing is being transferred to Municipalities, have a stipulation that 5% of any new or retrofit housing be fully accessible.

(iv) That ACPD recommend to Public Works, Traffic and Engineering section that regarding curb cuts, each intersection be designed based on its unique metrics (environment) and that the Barrier Free Design Guidelines is followed.

Background:
At the May 2009 meeting of the sub-committee, Keith Extance & Bob McKnight, of CityHousing Hamilton were present to answer questions regarding social and affordable housing for persons with disabilities. The questions included the inventory of accessible housing, number of people with disabilities on the waiting list that need accessible units, the length of their wait times, needs for persons with disabilities to have proper accessible housing, status of current and future social housing projects.
The committee was concerned that CityHousing Hamilton still has not completed the inventory of units deemed accessible, the long wait times on the wait list, lack of supports for persons with disabilities in social and affordable housing, and the lack of accessible housing being considered in newly built and renovated housing (is the 5% being applied consistently).

b) **Status Update on Accessibility Plan initiatives**

   (i) Recreation audit with staff still to be scheduled.

c) **Actions Outstanding**

   (i) Hart Solomon still to contact London regarding their audio signals and how their intersections are working using the bumps rather than the tactile lines.

   (ii) MacNab St. Transit Terminal – Waiting for update on feedback & concerns.